

Smokers limited to prohibited areas

BY LAUREN ADAMS

Class is out and as students and faculty walk through the doors, they are greeted not only by a gust of winter wind but, often times, a haze of cigarette smoke.

This is a common occurrence, but the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has had a Clean Air Policy since 1988. In May 1993, the university revised the policy and titled it "The Tobacco Free Campus Policy."

The policy states that tobacco products are allowed on the grounds of any UNL area as long as it is not within "close proximity of any facility entrance or work site." The "close proximity" is defined as within 10 feet from an entrance.

Christine Jackson, vice chancellor of

business and finance, said that recently there has been concern that smokers were standing within the 10-foot allowance. In response, Jackson sent out an email to faculty to encourage them to enforce the policy.

"We don't have smoking police," said Jackson. "We do ask that people be considerate of their fellow man and woman-kind."

However, Wesley Moore a freshman psychology major and smoker, said that in the winter months, 10 feet is often far from any sort of shelter.

"I don't think it's reasonable," said Moore. "If we stood any farther away, we'd freeze."

Rupa Nataraj, a sophomore English

major agreed. "I think we should be able to smoke inside."

Neither Moore nor Nataraj had been reprimanded for smoking within 10 feet of an entrance nor were they aware of the policy.

Non-smokers have quite a different opinion regarding an acceptable distance for smoking around campus.

Sophomore psychology major Shauna Piper felt the 10-foot policy was a reasonable one.

"When smokers get that close to buildings, it's hard to avoid the smoke," Piper said. "If they're farther away, you can walk around them so they don't pollute your lungs as well as their own."

Sophomore biological sciences major

Andrea Thomas also felt that 10 feet was an appropriate distance from entrances. Thomas said she looked at it as an issue of respect.

"It's rude to smoke that close to buildings," said Thomas. "People should be considerate of others. Not everybody on campus smokes."

Subtle changes are currently being made around campus to promote "clean air."

Jackson said she was working to remind people that the university has a clean air policy. In addition, landscaping services have moved some campus ashtrays farther away from buildings to encourage smokers to smoke outside of the 10-foot parameter.

Gameday, Big Red balloons shrivel, return to ground

BY VERONICA DAEHN

It's tradition at University of Nebraska-Lincoln home football games to wait until the first Husker touchdown - and then let them go.

Balloons, that is.

Each game, fans release a plethora of red and white helium-filled balloons. Once free, the colored orbs float up quickly, tripping over wires and billboards on their way.

Within minutes, they disappear from sight.

But just where do these balloons go?

Football physics professor Tim Gay said the balloons can reach an altitude of 20,000 feet before they begin their descent back to earth.

Balloons will rise until they no longer feel a buoyant force, he said.

At the altitude of the top of Memorial Stadium, 1,000 feet,

the buoyant force, which is lifting them up, is roughly twice that of the balloon's weight.

An altitude of 20,000 feet is where the balloons will reach equilibrium and start their descent, Gay said.

Equilibrium is reached when the density of the surrounding air times the volume of the balloon equals the mass of helium inside the balloon.

Equilibrium occurs because the outside air surrounding the balloons becomes less dense as altitude increases.

At 20,000 feet, the atmospheric pressure has fallen by half, and the temperature of the air has fallen by 10 percent to minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

Once the balloons reach their peak altitude, they are carried off by strong high-altitude winds, Gay said.

The helium slowly leaks out through the pores in the rubber balloon surface, and when

enough helium has escaped, the balloons shrink and fall back to earth.

Despite elementary school warnings of broken balloon remnants harming birds, two UNL professors said it wasn't a concern.

Paul Johnsgard, a biologist who specializes in bird behavior and classification, said the harm was negligible.

"It's too small to measure," Johnsgard said. "(The balloons) are not a big threat."

Alan Kamil, a biology professor who also specializes in bird behavior, said birds could eat the balloon pieces when they fall to the ground. But it's not a big problem, he said.

"I go to the football games and watch the balloons go up, but it's never occurred to me to worry about them," Kamil said. "I worry more about (the balloons) running into airplanes than affecting birds."

Hot dog man pleases crowd

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Good shoots between 100 - 150 hot dogs at each home football game, said Marc Roode, director of marketing for Roode Packing Company, the company that makes Fairbury hot dogs.

Roode agreed it's not easy to aim a wiener wrapped in a bun and silver foil.

"A hot dog isn't the most aerodynamic object in the world," he said.

Not only are Good and his gun sideline entertainment, they're also a marketing tool, Roode said.

"(Helping sell our product) is the whole idea," he said. "It's a fun and unique way for us to interact with the public."

Roode bought Fairbury's hot-dog shooter in September, 1996, when he was watching a Philadelphia Eagles football

game on TV.

The Eagles' mascot, the Philly Fanatic, was shooting hot dogs into the crowd.

Roode started making phone calls, and a year later, Der Weiner Schlinger was born.

Good's performances are not just limited to University of Nebraska-Lincoln football.

He also totes Der Wiener Schlinger to UNL and Omaha Golden Spikes baseball games, Lincoln Stars and Sioux City Musketeers hockey games and Lincoln Lightning indoor football games.

Good also performs at grocery stores and in parades.

One of his favorite memories of shooting hot dogs happened during the Seward Fourth of July parade a couple of years ago.

This time, Good aimed and he got lucky.

There was an open window at the top of a business building in downtown Seward. The room's occupants yelled to Good to shoot them a hot dog.

So he did, and the wiener sailed through the 2 to 3 foot-wide window unscathed.

Another time, Good shot a T-shirt into Memorial Stadium's press box and interrupted Nebraska Sports Radio's broadcast.

One of Good's friends told him later that the announcer had stopped in his tracks and said "We're under fire."

Good admits that people have got surprised when hit by flying hot dogs unexpectedly. But that's the nature of the game.

"It's a hit and miss," Good said. "They're not always going to go where you aim them, but sometimes you get lucky."

Grading system assessed

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value of the system as it is." Geiser said she is unsure of where she stands on the issue.

"It's hard to say what type of effect this will have," Geiser said.

Students are encouraged to voice their opinion about the possible recommendation to ASUN.

Students can speak during open forum at Wednesday's ASUN meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union, Geiser said.

Students can e-mail their opinions to the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska at MyASUN@unl.edu. Students can e-mail Mueller at kmuelle6@bigred.unl.edu.

Barry acquitted in killing

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cleaner. Blood splattered on the ceiling and walls and would have stained the attacker, according to testimony.

A thorough investigation of Barry, his van and the Wal-Mart trash where Barry was alleged to have thrown away some clothes, failed to uncover any blood stains or other physical links.

Police also did not find any of Barry's fingerprints at Allen's apartment.

"Police never had any physical evidence connecting Mr. Barry to the crime," said Pickens, a Commission on Public Advocacy lawyer appointed to defend Barry.

"We're only disappointed that it took a year and a half to go to trial."

To recognize international students' presence and contributions in institutions of higher education, President Clinton declared the week of Nov. 13-17 as **International Education Week** this year. These activities are being organized and sponsored by international student groups on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

<p>Nov. 13 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Restaurants Specializing in International Foods Nebraska Union/Lobby (Sponsored by International Student Organization)</p>	<p>Nov. 15 7:30 p.m. Talk by: Loren Danhauer, Chief Engineer Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. Subject: "Working in Corporate America: the International Experience" Nebraska Union (Sponsored by I-Pac Student Organization)</p>
<p>Nov. 14 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. International Luncheon & Music Culture Center, 333 N. 14th (South of the Nebraska Union) (Sponsored and arranged by Lincoln Friends of Foreign Students Association)</p>	<p>Nov. 17 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fashion Show & International Student Organization Displays Nebraska Union Lobby (sponsored by LEES Workteam and ISU)</p>

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For an update on other activities, check the IFFS website: <http://www.unl.edu/FoFStu/index.htm>



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